(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IOC employees of Southern Region were on work-to-rule agitation from 20th July, 1990 to 31st July, 1990 in protest against Government's decision to transfer marketing rights for Cochin Refinery (CAL) products from IOC to BPC. In view of the agitation it was decided on 31.7.90 to keep the decision of handing over CRL marketing rights to BPC in abeyance, pending further review of the matter. The situation has become normal from 1.8.90.

Action against M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals

2232. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 2 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) when did M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals cross the limit of Rupees fifty lacs in sales turnover under DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was combiflam introduced;

(c) whether it is a fact that this company has marketing arrangements with an organised sector unit;

(d) if so, what is the name of that unit and what are the details of arrangement the company has;

(e) when did the company sought price approval and when it ought to have taken price approval;

(f) whether his Ministry has taken any action for delay in taking price approval;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof;

(h) when and what was the price first approved and when was the price revised from time to time, datewise, and what was the price at which it was sold; and

(i) whether his Ministry has taken any penal action, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The requisite information is still awaited from the Company.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. M/s. Roussel Pharmaceuticals, an organised sector company is marketing Combiflam tablets being manufactured by M/s. Carews. The details of the arrangements between the two companies are, however, not available with the Government.

(e) to (f) The price of Combiflam tablets (uncoated) was fixed for the first time on 5.11.1986 which was Rs. 7.68 in 10's strip. This price was, however, subsequently, revised to Rs. 4.90, 5.43 and 6.44 on 1.12.88, 14.6.89 and 18.8.89 respectively. Rest of the information is furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No 1412 answered on 20.8.90.

Import of Potassium Penicillin

2233. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy framed by his Ministry for allowing import of Potassium Penicillin during the current year;

(b) when was the policy announced;

(c) what are the names of producers of Potassium Penicillin and what was the production of each unit during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what is the indigenous price fixed by Government and what is the estimated demand for Potassium Penicillin for 1990-91;

(e) what are the names of actual users of Potassium Penicillin and what was the consumption of each during the last three years, yearwise. and what is the estimated requirement of each for the year 1990-91;

(f) whether it is a fact that a number of actual users did not lift the indigenous production as per policy and were allowed imports; and

(g) if so, what are the names of these parties and details of quantities not lifted by each during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A copy of the Press Note issued in the first week of June, 1990 giving the salient features of the policy for allocation of Potassium Penicillin for 1990-91 is enclosed as statement (*See* below)

(c) The information is being collected & compiled and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The rate fixed for indigenous Pen. 'G' is Rs. 695 per BOU and the Demand for 1990-91 is estimated as 1877 MMu.

(e) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(f) Yes, Sir, a few actual users of Pen. 'G' failed to lift wholly or partially the matching components of indigenous material, in 1989-90.

(g) The information is being compiled & will be laid on the table of the House.

Statement

The Penicillin G-Firsa Crystal Allocation Policy for the year 1990-91 has been framed taking into account the increase in the indigenous production of penicillin by the two public sector undertakings, IDPL and HAL. In view of the higher indigenous production, the ratio of imported Penicillin-G to indigenous Penicillin-G has been changed from the existing 70 (imported): 30 (indigenous) to 60 (imported): 40 (indigenous) w.e.f. 1.4.90 for the current year.

Growth rates both to new and old units have been allowed this year also on the lines of that of previous years. However, this facility would be available only to units fulfilling certain minimum eligibility criteria like lifting of indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G during last year. In certain other cases growth rates have also been allowed provided the shortfalls in indigenous lifting are made good by 15.7.90.

A scheme of incentives and disincentives has also been introduced. This has been done to ensure that the units do not avail of the facility of advance imports only and are also made to lift their indigenous entitlement. The incentives are in terms of giving bonuses @ 5 per cent and 2.5 per cent to units who have lifted 100 per cent and 90 per cent of their indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G till March, 1990. Disincentives are, not allowing growth rate, or facility of advance imports to units whose record of lifting has been poor during last year.

Production of drugs by M/s. Pfizer

2234. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not fixed the price of Pyrantel Pamoate;

(b) what is the price of bulk drug on which his Ministry has fixed the price of its formulations being marketed by M/s. Pfizer;